OIPEVE

PTO/SB/21 (08-00) 2 2 2000 type a plus sign (+) inside this box -Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031 U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE er the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. 09/889.705 **Application Number** TRANSMITTAL Filing Date 9/19/2001 **FORM** First Named Inventor Griffiths et al. 2856 (to be used for all correspondence after initial filing) **Group Art Unit Examiner Name** Unknown Total Number of Pages in This Submission Attorney Docket Number 1160-3912.1US ENCLOSURES (check all that apply) After Allowance Communication to Assignment Papers Fee Transmittal Form (for an Application) Appeal Communication to Board of Fee Attached Drawing(s) Appeals and Interferences Appeal Communication to Group Licensing-related Papers Amendment / Response (Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief) Petition Proprietary Information After Final Petition to Convert to a Affidavits/declaration(s) Status Letter Provisional Application Power of Attorney, Revocation Other Enclosure(s) Extension of Time Request Change of Correspondence Address (please identify below): Preliminary Amendment (3 Terminal Disclaimer pages) with Appendix A, Express Abandonment Request Appendix B, Appendix C, and Request for Refund Appendix D. Information Disclosure Statement CD, Number of CD(s) Certified Copy of Priority Remarks Document(s) Response to Missing Parts/ Incomplete Application The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees required but not Response to Missing submitted with any document or request requiring fee payment under 37 C.F.R. §§ Parts under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 to Deposit Account 20-1469 during pendency of this application. 1.52 or 1.53 SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT Firm Registration No. 28,765 Joseph A. Walkowski Individual name Signature Date December 19, 2001 CERTIFICATE OF MAILING I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an exception addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on this date: December 19, 2001 Typed or printed name Joseph A. Walkowski December 19, 2001 Date Signature

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 0.2 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be send to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.





In re Application of:

Griffiths et al.

Serial No.: 09/889,705

Filed: September 19, 2001

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DETECTION OF FLUID LEVEL IN A

CONTAINER

Examiner: Unknown

Group Art Unit: 2856

Attorney Docket No.: 3912.1US

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence along with any attachments referred to or identified as being attached or enclosed is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail (under 37 C.F.R. § 1.8(a)) on the date of deposit shown below with sufficient postage and in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

December 19, 2001 Date of Deposit

Signature of registered practitioner or other person having reasonable basis to expect mailing to occur on date of deposit shown pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.8(a)(1)(ii)

Joseph A. Walkowski
Typed/printed name of person whose signature is

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Box Non-Fee Amendment Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced patent application on the merits, entry of the amendments as set forth herein is respectfully solicited.

TOO MAIL ROOM